**Jesus Goes to the Desert to Pray**

After Jesus was baptised by John he was drawn into the desert by the Holy Spirit, and there he spent 40 days, fasting and praying, preparing for the next 3 years. After that he gave his life for all people, and rose again on the third day.

Lent is also 40 days long, and reminds us of how Jesus prepared for his work by being alone with God the Father in the desert: praying and fasting.

*This is what the bible tells us: (light candle)*

**“**Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that come from the mouth of God.”’

At the end of that time he began to do his great work of preaching and teaching, and his miracles, which demonstrated his power. He spent three years doing all this.

**I wonder**

What it was like to be in the desert all those days?

What Jesus spoke to his Father about?